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In re Appln. of: **Paul T. Van Gompel**

Appln. No.: **10/821,223**

Filed: **April 8, 2004**

For: **REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT**

Attorney Docket No.: **659-2246**

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Examiner: **Hand, Melanie Jo**

Art Unit: **3761**

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**Attached is/are:**

- ☒ Reply to January 5, 2007 Office Action
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

**Fee calculation:**

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO JANUARY 5, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 5, 2007, please consider the following remarks in the above-referenced patent application.